

Halloween Activities Galore with Montgomery County Recreation

There is something for everyone this Halloween at Montgomery County Recreation, where we will be hosting 21 family-friendly events at our facilities. From tiny tots to teens to adults, seniors and those with disabilities and their families, enjoy our annual spooktacular in a fun, safe environment:

Kids

Oct. 17—Halloween Costume Jam, Gwendolyn E. Coffield Community Center, noon-2 p.m. Free admission for kids in grades k-5. Registration is required at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec, course No. 7899. Wear your costumes for a chance to win a 1st-, 2nd- or 3rd-place prizes. Music, games, line dancing, face painting, photo booth, moon bounce and refreshments will be provided. Call 240-777-4900 for more information.

October 23-24—Halloween Party and Parade, Damascus Community Center, 7-9 p.m. For ages 5-12, admission is \$13 per participant. Join us for a magical evening in your favorite Halloween costume where face painters highlight favorite characters and there are games, goodie bags and you are a part of the parade. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 240-777-6930 for more information.

Oct. 23—Club Friday Halloween, Germantown Community Center, 7-9 p.m. For grades 3-6, games, crafts, movies, sports, DJs/dancers, special events, prizes, snack bar, raffles and theme nights. School year membership fee is \$52, guests are \$5 each. Register at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec. Call 240-777-8095 for more information.

Oct. 24—Halloween Extravaganza, East County Community Center, noon-2 p.m. On-site registration for grades k-5, refreshments, hot dogs, candy and costumes. Call 240-777-8090 for more information.

Oct. 25—Haunted House, Clara Barton Community Center, 4-6 p.m. Costumes are welcomed, free photos by a professional photographer. Event is organized by Friends of Clara Barton. Free for kids age 12 and younger. Call 240-777-4910 for more information.

Oct. 30—Halloween Haunted House, Long Branch Community Center, 7-10 p.m. Join us for our annual event, where all the ghosts and goblins come out to play. Elementary school kids can participate in a best costume contest. Free admission. Call 240-777-6965 for more information.

Oct. 30—Halloween Happening, Marilyn Praisner Community Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free admission for ages 12 and younger; parents are asked to donate unopened bags of individually wrapped candy. Call 240-777-4970 for more information.

Oct. 30—Halloween at Scotland Community Center, 4-7 p.m. Games, DJ, popcorn, candies and costumes. Free for children and teens. Call 240-777-8075 for more information.

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Oct. 30—Halloween Family Game Night, Mid-County Community Center, 5-8 p.m. Free admission for all members in the family. Games, Zumba, arts and crafts, dress with a costume if you desire. Call 240-777-6820 for more information.

Oct. 30—Club Friday Halloween Celebration, Longwood Community Center, 7-9 p.m. Games, crafts, movies, sports, DJs/dancers, special events, prizes, snack bar, raffles, theme nights. School year membership fee is \$52 for grades 3-5. Guests pay \$5. Register at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec. Call 240-777-6920 for more information.

Oct. 31—Masquerade Festival, Plum Gar Community Center, 5-8 p.m. For kids in grades k-6, music, games, food and fun. Free admission. Call 240-777-4919 for more information.

Adults

Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30—Haunted Murkwood Forest, Damascus Community Center, 7:30-10 p.m. This now-legendary haunted forest kicks off the Halloween season perfectly. For ages 12 and above, ghosts are flying, the chainsaw is roaring and body parts are everywhere. Partake in a super scary walk through the wilderness, holding tight to the closest body still breathing! Calm your nerves with cider and s'mores once you're done with your risky adventure. Pre-registration is recommended at www.montgomerycountymd.gov. Admission: \$13 per person. Call 240-777-6930 for more information.

Oct. 31—Halloween Hand Dance Party, Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center in Burtonsville, 7-11 p.m.
Admission: \$10 in advance, \$15 day of the event (cash only) for adults 21 and above. Come in costume or as you are. Proceeds to benefit the Friends of Recreation. Sponsored by the Praisner Advisory Committee. Contact Germaine for tickets at 240-328-7506.

Seniors

Oct. 21—Staying Safe this Halloween, Holiday Park Senior Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Officer Oliver Janney provides all the information you need to stay safe while going trick-or-treating with the little ones. Call 240-777-4999 for more information.

Oct. 28—Halloween at Holiday Park Senior Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m. This intergenerational event brings together grandparents and grandchildren for a night of games, spooky stories and lots of candy. Free admission. Call 240-777-4999 for more information.

Oct. 29—Halloween Luncheon, Damascus Senior Center, noon-1 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$7 for ages 55-69; donations requested for ages 70 and above. Call 240-777-6995 for more information.

Oct. 29—Halloween Celebration: Anna Pappas' "A Class Act," Damascus Senior Center, 1-2 p.m. Free admission. Call 240-777-6995 for more information.

Oct. 30—Halloween Party, Holiday Park Senior Center, 1-3 p.m. Come dressed in your most creative costume, take pictures galore in our group photo booth, and enjoy our dance with the Night and Day Band. Pre-sale tickets only! Don't wait to get yours! Tickets go on sale Oct. 1. Admission: \$5 or \$3 with HPSI Card. Call 240-777-4999 for more information.

Oct. 30—Senior Feud: Halloween Edition, Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1-2 p.m. Join center director Amanda for the center's version of "Family Feud." Free admission. Register as a participant at the front desk. Call 240-777-8085 for more information.

Therapeutic Recreation

Oct. 31—Haunted Mansion for those with disabilities and their families, Holiday Park Senior

Center, 7-10 p.m.

Dare to enter our frightful house, where you might find ghosts, creepy critters or Scooby Doo and the gang! Prizes awarded for most creative and fun costumes. Admission: \$8, course No. 8943.

For more information, call 240-777-6840, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/rec, or contact your local community recreation center.

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